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SUBJECT: DHEW DOCTORAL DISSERTATION RESEARCH ABROAD PROGRAM

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED WITH DIRECTOR, INSTITUTE OF AFRICAN STUDIES (IAS), POSSIBILITY PROBLEMS ARISING FROM FROST'S DOCTORAL RESEARCH CONCERNING TRIBAL INITIAL CEREMONY AS OUTLINED REFTEL.

2. DIRECTOR INDICATED HE HAS RECEIVED COMMENTS FROM IAS COLLEAGUES WHICH ALSO POINT TO SENSITIVITY THIS AREA. HOWEVER, HE WISHES EMPHASIZE AND CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT REMAINDER OF PROPOSAL CONSIDERED VALUABLE. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS WERE QUOTE WE ARE CERTAINLY ENCOURAGING RESEARCH INTO ORAL LITERACY TRADITIONS RPT ORAL LITERARY TRADITIONS (REPEATED FOR EMPHASIS) AND SISTER MARY FROST'S PROJECT ALONG THESE LINES CONSIDERED TIMELY AND MOST WORTHWHILE UNQUOTE. DIRECTOR ALSO MENTIONED OTHER RESEARCHER FROM WISCONSIN COMING TO ZAMBIA TO DO RESEARCH ON ORAL LITERARY TRADITIONS AMONG NGONI TRIBES-MEN OF EASTERN PROVINCE AND WOULD CONSIDER FROST'S PROJECT ALONG SIMILAR LINES INVALUABLE AS COMPARATIVE STUDY.

3. DIRECTOR INFORMED EMBMRF THAT WHEN ALL IAS COLLEAGUES CONCERNED HAD SUBMITTED COMMENTS REGARDING PROPOSAL, HE INTENDS WRITING DIRECTLY TO SISTER MARY FROST.

4. COMMENT: STRESS BY DIRECTOR ON STUDY WHICH

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COULD BE COMPARABLE WITH NGONI STUDY IS EUPHEMISM

FOR SUGGESTING SHE DROP CONSIDERATION OF INITIATION
CEREMONY WHICH HIGHLY SENSITIVE POLITICALLY. HOWEVER,
HE OBVIOUSLY UNCOMFORTABLE ABOUT ANY SUGGESTION
OF CURBING ACADEMIC FREEDOM. ADVISE FROST'S
REACTION TO THIS PROBLEM AND HOW STUDY MIGHT BE
RECAST TO SATISFY LOCAL PROBLEM.

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